

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination, Applicants respectfully entry of the following amendments and consideration the following remarks. Applicants cancel claims 1-22 and add new claims 23-36.

In an Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0120680 A1 to Greco et al. ("Greco"). Although Applicants respectfully disagree, Applicants have canceled claims 1-22 in favor of new claims 23-36. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 23-36 are patentable over the prior art, including Greco.

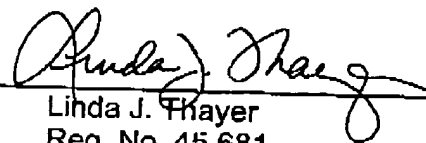
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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